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Art Unit	3763
Examiner Name	Loan H. Thanh
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Applicants : Vincent E. Bryan et al.  
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Respectfully submitted,  
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